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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, and in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on August 12, 2005, Applicants request entry of the amendment, reconsideration on the merits, and allowance of the claims. The response is accompanied by a Request for a One-Month Extension and by the requisite fee, extending the period for reply from November 12, 2005 to December 12, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2.

Remarks begin at page 9.